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Circulates Wherever Coke
is Manufactured or Used.

Prices and Prospects.

COKE MARKET DULL BUT \$2.00 FURNACE PRICE HOLDS FAST

**Second Half Foundry Coke
Contracts Slow in
Signing Up.**

SPOT COKE DOWN TO \$1.85

This, However, is the Minimum Price.
Hand-to-Mouth Buying Continues.
Pig Iron Market Stagnant.
Lake Ore Prices 1914 Assessed.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—There is a total lack of interest in future coke deliveries, on the part of the consumers, but the market has held up to former quotations nevertheless.

The market for prompt furnace coke for the month of May, in the case of some 25,000 tons a month which was under contract at \$2.00 for the month of April, arrangements have been made, whereby shipments will begin to advance. They continued to advance for seven months in steel and nine months in pig iron.

The market for prompt coke

stagnated, but the attitude of furnaces is that the already small production will be curtailed further rather than that prices will be reduced further.

Orders for finished steel products, not heavier than a fortnight ago and the price of coal reflected somewhat lighter. Production, which has been in excess of bookings since about the 1st, has continued to decline, and current estimates place it variously from 50% to 60% of capacity. Steel prices are practically stationary.

The opinion is being more and more prevalent, however, that an early, though perhaps very moderate, improvement in steel demand is imminent.

A recent quotation in the steel market, on account of depleted stocks, with actual consumption presumably running beyond the rate of buying of the past few weeks, but it is freely admitted that no concrete signs of any improvement have thus far appeared.

STEEL MERGER NEAR

**Cambria and Pennsylvania Companies
Likely to Combine.**

A merger of the Cambria and Pennsylvania Steel Companies is near at hand, according to some informed trade gossip. The election of William H. Donner as director of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and his subsequent election as chairman of the board, ostensibly as a successor to the late George F. Baer, is expected to bring about a merger. The consumers naturally expect to do much better on their new contracts. This time, however, consumers evince little inclination to take hold, and it may be several weeks before there are many important negotiations for foundry coke contracts. Many if not most of the existing contracts are at \$3.00 or even a shade higher, and the consumers naturally expect to do much better on their new contracts. It is only a guess what prices will eventually be done on these contracts. The leading foundry coke producers insist, as they hold so many contracts at about \$3.00, on which they are making regular shipments, have been holding out for some time at lower prices, and their quotations usually \$2.75 to \$3.00. They do not, of course, expect to close fresh contracts at these figures, but could not well quote much less without inviting consumers to ask for readjustments. There is prompt foundry coke to be had at \$2.75, and the market stands as follows:

Promt coke \$1.85 to \$1.90
Prompt furnace \$2.00 to \$2.05
Contract furnace \$2.00 to \$2.05
Contract coal (nominal) \$2.50

The pig iron market continues stagnant. Lake Superior ore prices have been announced for the 1914 season at 6 cents reduction from 1913 on all basic and 55 cents reduction on non-Bessemer, putting prices back to the 1912 basis. It is generally held that the pig iron and steel markets long ago discounted this ore reduction, so that it should not have any damaging effect upon iron and steel prices now. It has been claimed that the merchant finds it difficult to do much business on pig iron, prices not quoted, and this may be assumed to represent an anticipation of the ore reduction which is now formally announced. Quotations are: Bessemer, \$1.00, basic; \$1.35, malleable; \$1.75, non-Bessemer; \$1.25, gray cast, \$1.75, Valley, \$1.25, 50 cents, further delivered Pittsburgh.

The W. P. Snyder & Co. pig iron averages, compiled by averaging actual sales prices, are announced for April at \$1.40, Valley, for Bessemer, a decline of 17 cents from March, and at \$1.35, Valley, for basic, a decline of four cents.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR COAL COMPANY.
A receiver has been asked for the Farmington & Baltimore Coal & Coke Company in Baltimore, recently by James C. Cobey, Frederick A. Bushard, John S. Astley and Oliver T. Arnold, stockholders. That the company is in financial difficulty is shown in the bill of complaint. The company was incorporated in West Virginia, operates a mine at Clarksburg, W. Va., and had an authorized capital stock of \$50,000.

Identify Body by Ring.
JOCLES, W. Va., May 5.—The body of a man, identified as the son of a man of Charleston, W. Va., who was in Mine No. 5 a few minutes before the explosion of last Tuesday, was recovered, early today. Identification was made by a ring he wore.

NOT FOR STRIKE.

COAL MINERS GENERALLY WILLING TO ABSTAIN FROM WAGE SCALE.

The result of the general referendum vote of the United Mine Workers of America on the policy outlined by the international officers and the policy committee shows that the rank and file of the miners are not in favor of a general strike.

The total number of votes cast in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was 164,166, according to the results of the international secretary's tabulation, and of this number 85,564 were in favor of the recommendations that the miners vote pending the settlement of the wage question in each of the four states.

GARWOOD PLANT SUSPENDED.

Operations have been temporarily suspended at the Garwood coke plant.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1914.			WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1914.					
	DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	16,900	14,251	8,244	173,060	20,747	14,508	6,238	167,977	167,977
Lower Connellsville	17,151	11,481	5,650	132,550	17,003	11,425	5,648	145,800	145,800
Totals	37,051	26,032	13,899	305,610	37,840	25,824	11,906	313,777	313,777

FURNACE OVENS.	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1914.			WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1914.					
	DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	18,587	12,035	4,583	141,175	18,587	12,035	4,582	135,315	135,315
Lower Connellsville	5,552	4,106	1,446	41,475	5,532	4,156	1,396	32,988	32,988
Totals	23,139	16,141	6,029	182,650	22,149	16,191	5,938	168,303	168,303

MERCHANT OVENS.	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1914.			WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1914.					
	DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	4,262	2,316	1,657	21,880	4,150	2,474	1,676	32,042	32,042
Lower Connellsville	11,578	7,975	4,204	91,075	11,541	7,989	4,272	92,810	92,810
Totals	15,840	10,291	5,861	122,950	13,691	9,743	5,948	125,852	125,852

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1914.			WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1914.			
	DISTRICT.	Cars.	Tons.	Cars.	Tons.	Cars.	Tons.
To Pittsburgh	2,761	Cars.	2,799	Cars.	2,799	Cars.	2,799
To Points West of Pittsburgh	4,444	Cars.	4,732	Cars.	4,732	Cars.	4,732
To Points East of the Region	1,406	Cars.	1,076	Cars.	1,076	Cars.	1,076
Totals	8,213	Cars.	8,605	Cars.	8,605	Cars.	8,605

COKING INDUSTRY MAY BE HARD HIT BY SPOTTING TAX

QUESTION RAISED AS TO HOW OFTEN IT WILL BE CHARGED.

MAY BE FOUR CHARGES A CAR

Coke Men Have Assumed that Only
One Rate Would Be Imposed, but
Railroads May Get It Going and
Coming, at Works and Furnaces.

The railroads have filed their proposed tariffs for spotting charges. They make no charge per ton per car, with a minimum of 12¢ per car. "Spotting" service is thus defined in the railroad tariff:

"Spotting service is the service provided by the carrier to facilitate the movement of the empty car. The carrier is responsible for getting the empty car to the point where it is needed."

Other companies in the region have reduced wages and it was said that the Hillman interests, who own the Herbert plant, were forced to reduce expenses because they have low price contracts to meet. The coke is sold for \$1.75, a price which the company finds leaves it no profit.

As yet there has been no disorder at the Herbert plant and no indication of any.

There is danger of losing considerable coal, it is said, because many of the inside men were drawing rights.

Reduced rates were offered when they were offered the old scale of wages.

At the same time, the outside men were offered the new scale.

It is believed that the Hillman interests will be able to withstand the reduction.

The modern coke cars of the Connellsville region have a capacity of upwards of 40 tons. The average of the Lower Connellsville or Klonjyke district is 33 tons and of the Connellsville region or old basin district 35 tons.

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LAKE TRADE SEASON IS LATE STARTING; MAY SHIPMENTS LOW

Real Movement Will Not Begin Before Next Month.

WILL FALL BELOW LAST YEAR

CARRIERS ON THE LAKES EXPECT BUSINESS AFTER JULY 1 BUT ARE NOT COUNTING ON RECORD TONNAGES PRIOR TO THAT DATE, WABASHA ORE IN

Lake trade was never more static than it is at the present time. While navigation has been open for two weeks, few vessels are in commission and even for those cargoes are not obtainable. Grain is being carried from the head of the lakes for a cent out of which the vessel pays nearly half a cent to unload.

While a few cargoes of ore have been shipped, there is still no need of outside tonnage during May, so that the ore movement will not really get under way until June. The movement of ore to July 1 last year was about 18,000,000 tons. This year's movement will probably fall about 10 per cent below that figure, but it is the expectation that after July 1 the movement will be good.

There has been a great deal of talk of heavy stocks on dock and in furnace yards, but there is some reason to believe that they are not materially beyond normal and that the movement of ore will be between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000 tons. It will be required to preserve a normal reserve to protect against a disaster in that event.

The season's first cargo of Wabash Newfoundland iron ore weighing 7,000 tons arrived at Philadelphia last week. This shipment is being made again, and with Eastern Pennsylvania iron ore made a year ago and carried over at the close of the navigation period. As previously reported orders for about 30,000 tons of this ore were carried over to the purchases of the ore and delivery of the ore will have been made by eastern furnaces.

ACCIDENTS DECREASE

Bureau of Mines Submits Fatal Accidents Test for January

The reports received by the Bureau of Mines from state mine inspectors show that there were 199 men killed in and about the coal mines in the United States during January 1914 as compared with 203 during the same month of 1913.

Patent coal mines during January 1914 and January 1913 January 1914 under-ground 171 shaft 11 surface 17 total 199 January 1914 under-ground 201 shaft 17 surface 17 total 200.

In mining operations with 4,000 hours less than 8 to be borne in mind the report for 1913 have not been received from Georgia and Oregon, so in which there is no inspection service nor from Kentucky where the operators are allowed 60 days by law to report accidents to the state inspector.

In January 1914, there were 19 fatal accidents in the coal mines of these three states. There are no corresponding figures for January 1913. During the six fatalities for which there are no comparable figures for 1914 the figures become 109 for January 1914 and 213 for January 1913. The usual decrease in fatalities is therefore 19 or even 1 per cent.

DISCUSS BAER'S SUCCESSION

Three Mentioned for Reading Rail road Head

PHILADELPHIA May 1—Speculation as to the probable successor to the president of the Reading railroad controlling figure in the management of the Reading railroads family of corporations was heard in financial centers today.

Among the men suggested were Theodore Vorhees, vice president of the Reading, William H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western, and Charles A. Heubner, general counsel for the Reading system.

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OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA MINERS ORDERED TO WORK

International Board Decides That Mines Shall Be Operated Pending Negotiations

INDIANAPOLIS May 6—Coal miners of the Kanawha district of West Virginia were ordered today to work and resume negotiations with the operators who are engaged in the dispute over the miners' right to strike. The action was taken by the international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, which is in session here. William G. Green, secretary of the miners, said that most of the miners already had returned on the advice of the international officers.

The dispute had to do with the interpretation of a clause in the contract which expired April 1 and which stated that the miners were to continue work 30 days after the expiration of the contract. Miners in areas where negotiations with the operators were still pending. Some of the miners held that negotiations were at a standstill until quit work.

The board also decided today that a committee should be appointed to study the policy of the miners in the Colorado coal fields. Green said this committee probably would be named later today or tomorrow. Otherwise the Colorado situation was not touched on.

FRENCH EXPERT VISITS THE SCENE OF BIG MINE DISASTER

Jacques Taffanel Confirms His Barriers Will Minimize Such Explosions

Virtually all the bodies of the nearly 200 men who met death in the New mine of the New River Colliers Company lie buried in an explosion which took place last Friday. The gas content and static mine explosives are considered a prime factor in the disaster.

In connection with the disaster Jacques Taffanel, the French scientist, visited facilities which he had inspected the mine. Taffanel, in an effort to explain why he believes could prevent a dust explosion from spreading from one maler to another during his visit to Pittsburgh, the French scientist has spent much of his time with George S. Rice, chief engineer of the Bureau of Mines in perfecting his system.

The Frenchman is a real able man, but he believes that his experiments will be far greater than the he has discharged in his experimental gallery, but he believes the dust explosions can be conquered with him short time.

AFTER ONE FATAL

Rumors Say Standard Oil Agents Are Busy Near Rockwood

Reports are again circulating in the vicinity of Rockwood that the Standard Oil Company expect to take up operations on several acres of land in a field near town upon which to drill test holes for oil.

The company has 5,000 acres of land around Rockwood which the Citizens Gas Company have been canceled. The acreage taken during 1912 and many wells were sunk. Most of these were dry holes though a small flow of gas was reported from some of them.

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COKE REGION WAGES.

A strike in the Connellsville coke region is a novelty. We have had no wage strikes since 1854 amid the almost constant clamor and turmoil of strikes and violence in other mining regions, we have had industrial peace for twenty years and during most of that time industrial plants.

This condition has been due to the fact that the Connellsville coke operators have followed an unvarying rule to pay the workmen the highest wages and give them the best possible working conditions and to stand together in doing so. It is to be regretted that a single coking interest has seen fit to depart from this rule and to reduce wages.

The present wage scale is the highest in the coke region ever had and is based on the prosperous conditions which prevailed in the steel iron and coke trades in 1912. As a matter of equity perhaps there should be a reduction in wages and as a matter of necessity perhaps there may be but until the situation is such that that reduction is deemed necessary by operators generally including the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the dominant employing interest in the region, our opinion will regard it with disapproval.

The Connellsville coke business, thanks to the Democratic administration, all but coke operators who cannot pay the prevailing wages and make money at present prices have left the other alternatives of closing down.

If they are selling coke under the market of course that's their business, too.

PHARISEES AND HYPOCRITES.

Diligent scrutiny of the Connellsville Courier's editorial columns fails to discover any comment adverse to freedom of speech in those Colorado outposts. That paper could see the workingman with a little help, however, taken from the columns of the Uniontown Standard published by a syndicate of Democratic capitalists who, or about election time make a specialty of sympathizing with the Poor Workers and damning long-distance Presidents Wilson.

The Courier is not interested in the Rockefeller fortunes and so far as we are advised none of the Rockefellers' capital invested in the progress of this community. There is no particular reason why we should make the Rockefellers subject of comment favorable or unfavorable, save as they figure in the events of the day. Even then there is some measure of choice in the matter.

Just now John D. Rockefeller Jr. is being urged by the Democratic administration at Washington to intervene in the matter of the Colorado miners and the Red Terriers which a weak resolution on the part of Congress has permitted to run wild and day at will. In New York, Anarchists headed by Alexander Berkman the man who shot Henry Clay Frick are holding public meetings and threatening Rockefeller with violence.

The Cleveland Daily Iron Trade is an industrial newspaper which speaks with authority on such subjects as that the Rockefeller holdings in the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company are minor holdings and further that this company operates only but one-third the mines affected by the coal strike. The Rockefeller interest is not dominant in the country it is a small minority and Rockefeller's constituents not in a position to control the matter if he so desired.

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The Colorado paper further states that the Colorado mining strike is not a question of 8 hours day or of semi-morality or of check to charge but a question of safety first, all these conditions being satisfactory. The miners have been regular in increased and which compare favorably with wages in other mining districts but simply of the unionization of the miners. The right of the Colorado miners to safety first, the rule of safety first is not reflected directly into the mining practice of the Connellsville coke region even though the miners stated by Thomas J. Lynch, then superintendent and now president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company shortly after mine explosion at the Miners' Colliery, was nothing but a lie.

The operators of the Connellsville region have generally thought well of the miners against miners but the miners are never wholly safe unless their applications are supplemented by workers from the rockless families with the miners rules and regulations read at all times to observe them faithfully men in shape imbued with the spirit as well as the letter of Safety First.

The West Virginia natural gas interests asked the West Virginia Public Service Commission for permission to advance gas rates from 25 to 30 cents per thousand feet. After a hearing the commission handed down a decision directing that gas rates be reduced to 25 cents per thousand feet. The law against selling cigarettes to minors is evidently not regarded seriously by some Connellsville dealers. It is probable that they will have more respect for it in the future.

The Mexican question set more complications but Brother Ervar keeps a tight hold on the tail feathers of the Dove of Peace.

The City Hall needs a shower bath department for putting some of the prisoners in a proper sanitary condition.

It endeavored to see things clearly and express them fairly in its model of working order but the readers of the paper were not human there. Its mistakes were many and the next thing in order is to demonstrate that some maniacs are doubly dangerous.

THE RAILROAD RATE CASE.

The railroad rate case has been argued and submitted and a prompt decision is expected. It is hoped that the commission will have the immediate effect of stimulating the steel trade and of supporting that upward movement which will carry the country to prosaic conditions more propitious than the Democratic administration doesn't strongly believe with political legislation before giving the country a chance for industrial peace.

In the meantime, the public would like to know just what Louis Brandeis has had so much to do with the rate case. This Boston lawyer was a really brilliant we believe in some of the shipping interests but the subsequent winding up of the railroad rate case, the granting of the advance in rail rates, when upon the commission started Brandeis' attorney and in this capacity he fought the contention of the railroad for an advance in the end of the case notwithstanding in his summing up he had a remarkable case when the whole country to the power of the commission to grant it. If this is the case the public will wonder who is Brandeis but why is he the Interstate Commerce Commissioner?

We presume the Interstate Commerce Commission has a right to its own practice but in the ordinary practice of other courts the judges are not represented by the commissioners with the duty of arguing cases when they come into court certain to win the judge of his cause is admitted.

As to the power of the commission, we understand the proposed act intended to have been regularized and suspended by the commission pending its final action. This being done there is nothing to prevent the commission from lifting this order of suspension and permitting the rates to become effective.

If they are in any detail unreasonable or discriminatory, there still remains the right of shippers to act in them before the commission.

FHL ANTI-TRUST BILL.

The Democratic corporation pitchers otherwise known in Washington as the Anti-trust bill has been agreed upon by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. It is tentative and incomplete but its chief features are as follows:

The bill enacts any reference to labor organizations or farmers co-operating in combination, excepting those engaged in the operation of the Sherman law. The new standard will put some teeth this year that have not been provided before.

It will provide express in entire willingness that the result of the Democratic Standard will be to give the workers a real right to protection but the trial of public organs of the country is themselves like profiteers.

The bill also omits any legislation favoring price.

It is provided for a trade commission of new corporations to be organized in the future and private existing corporations to continue with the same.

The new standard will be in force by May 1.

THOUGHTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS.

In spite of the large sums of money expended by the Democratic party in the last election of the press, it is agreed to print something like the "Workers' Standard" in the future.

The explanation is evidently work in progress.

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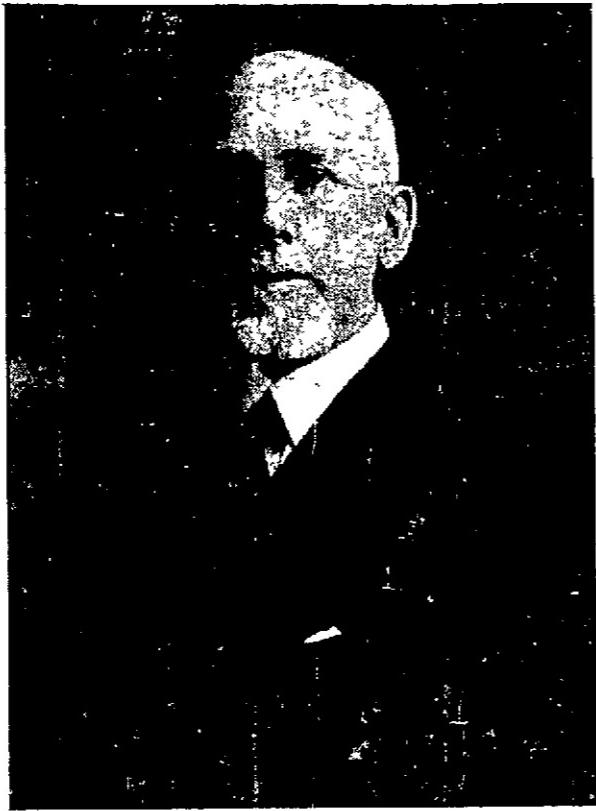
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THE WEEKLY COURIER CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

**S.P. ASHE WILL HEAD
THE LOCAL SCHOOLS
FOR FOUR YEAR TERM****Superintendent Unanimously
Selected at Special
Meeting of Board.****SALARY IS RAISED TO \$2,400****Student Younkin Only One to Vote
Against Increase and He Wanted It
Fixed at \$2,200, Meeting to Elect
Teacher to be Held Thursday****At a special meeting of the School Board Tuesday Superintendent S. P. Ashe was re-elected for a term of four years at a salary of \$2,400, and in case there were no a carry-over election was no other applicant for the position and the directors being satisfied that the schools are constantly improving under Mr. Ashe's direction.****After President Younkin had announced the plan of the school board Mr. Ashe moved that the board go into an election of a superintendent. This was carried and Balsley placed S. P. Ashe's name before the meeting. Davidson seconding the motion. There being no other nominations a vote was taken and all seven directors voted for Mr. Ashe.****On the question of salary Mr. Younkin moved that Mr. Ashe be paid \$2,000 a year for four years. Mr. Balsley intended this to make the salary \$400 a year. A comparison of the salaries of superintendents of schools in other states in the same class of schools and having approximately as many or less school children showed that Connellsville's superintendent was being paid much less than most of them. Several directors expressed the belief that if the schools are to grow in the next few years they have in the future the superintendent is surely entitled to an increase in salary.****A parliamentary dispute over Mr. Younkin's method of putting the vote on the amendment and original motion did not affect the result. Mr. Younkin's vote "no" to both amendment and original motion.****Those present were Balsley, Davidson, Hay, Hetzel, Long, Shad and Younkin.****Another special meeting will be held on Thursday night when the action will be taken for the next term. So far there are five vacancies. Misses Pierot and Shantz in the high school not having applied and Messes Fair and Landenberger, in the trades having resigned.****CONVENTION FOB****West Side Firemen Selling Unique Advertising Device****For the purpose of advertising and also for raising funds for the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Convention which will be held in Connellsville August 10 to 14 the West Side Firemen are selling unique little gumball machines.****The fob consists of a gum ball machine made up in the form of a coke row filled with coke with a take-a-breaker beneath it and the word Connellsville engraved on a scroll on the reverse side thus inscription I have contributed to the 2nd Annual Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Convention Connellsville, Pa., August 10 to 14.****The firemen are disposing of them apiece at a quarter each and they are well worth it.****ARRANGE EXCURSION****Military Band to Have One to Pen Mar in June****At a meeting of the Connellsville Military Band Tuesday arrangements were completed for an excursion to Pen Mar in the Cumberland Valley near Gettysburg on Saturday June 4 & 5. Dr. Dally of Cumberland Traveling Laundry agent for the Western Maryland railroad had been here for a day or several days conferring with band members in the interest of the outing.****Arrangements are being made for the transportation of about 60 persons from Connellsville and surrounding towns. Pen Mar is a beautiful summer resort and the excursion is to first be run out of Connellsville. The price of the round trip ticket is \$2.50.****BACK FROM MEXICO.****Frank Passavant joins His Family Here****Frank Passavant who has been located in Mexico for the past several weeks arrived here Tuesday and is visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. Seitzer. Mrs. Passavant and others arrived from Mexico a week ago.****Mr. Passavant is a former resident of Connellsville and has been in the employ of the Freight Mexico Oil & Gas Company with headquarters at San Antonio and was obliged to return to the United States for safety. While in Mexico nothing took place where he was located there were several slight difficulties.****Packets Post to Greece****WASHINGTON, May 6.—Establishment of a parcel post system between the United States and Greece, to become effective next Saturday, was announced yesterday. The cents a pound will be the rate from the United States. Rates must not weigh more than 11 pounds.****Fred Opperman III****Fred Opperman has entered a Philadelphia hospital to undergo an operation. He was recently operated on at the Coates State Hospital.****Money in Cumberland****John Edward Kuhn of Alaca and Helen Jane Smith of South Townsville were married in Cumberland yesterday.****Robert F. Hopwood of Fayette County Republican Candidate for Congress****WOMAN DIES FROM
BURNS SUFFERED
IN CLEANUP FIRE****Mrs. Arthur Smith, Apparently Recovering Succumbs to Injuries.****HAD SUFFERED INTENSE AGONY****Clothes Catch Fire While Burning
Retiree in Mind of Her Home Mother
and Sister Go to Her Aid and Condition
Good Until Change on Tuesday****Junes suffered on April 23 resulted
in the death of Mrs. Arthur Smith
Wednesday morning at her home above South Connellsville.****Mrs. Smith was burning robes after
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burned when she was seated at the
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RECEIVERS TURN OVER ASSETS OF AMERICAN WATER WORKS TO NEW CONCERN.

STOCKHOLDERS ARE CONFIDENT

UNDERWRITING SYNDICATE FORMED TO TAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS AMOUNTING TO \$4,500,000, A FOURTH OF WHICH WAS SOURED IN THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

PITTSBURG, May 4.—The receivers of the American Water Works & Guarantee Company have made formal transfer of the assets of that corporation to the new American Water Works & Electric Company, which will take over the terms of those filed in the United States district court on April 15, and as provided in the reorganization plan which was presented to the court on March 13. The transfer became effective as of May 1. The new corporation recently was chartered under the laws of New Jersey with an authorized capital of \$25,000,000. It is estimated that between \$22,000,000 and \$20,000,000 par value of the securities of subsidiary companies of the American Water Works & Guarantee Company was held in the Pittsburgh district. The company will issue 100,000 shares of stock on July 7, least.

The organization of the new company has not been completed. H. Hobart Porter of Sanderson & Porter of New York is president, the executive committee consisting of Mr. Edward Samuel Insull, Mr. George Tripp, James D. Mortimer, H. H. Pierce, and Mr. James J. Purdy, who has been identified with the American Water Works & Guarantee Company practically from its inception 22 years ago, will be assistant to the president.

A remarkable feature of the American Water Works & Electric's confidence of the stockholders in the new company, in January, when it became evident that the old American company was to be successfully reorganized, an underwriting syndicate was formed and subscriptions taken to \$4,500,000. The plan of reorganization had provided for subscriptions on the \$10,000,000 common stock at 6 per cent, participation preferred at \$35 a share, and at \$10 a share on the \$10,000,000 common stock, the total amounting to \$4,500,000. The underwriters, however, took all the preferred and common stocks of the new company not subscribed by the stockholders of the American Water Works & Guarantee Company. It was then estimated that the underwriters would receive from 50 to 60 per cent of the new stock, and that the remainder of the underwriting was taken in this district. Subscriptions rather closed in New York last Monday and it was found that over 50 per cent of the American Water Works & Guarantee preferred and common stock of the common stockholders had been sold subscription privilege, instead of 50 to 50 per cent, the underwriters will receive only a small portion of their subscriptions.

The reorganization committee has made cash payments of all items specified in the reorganization plan. The stockholders now own and control the three irrigation companies in the Twin Falls district, Idaho, and the one in the Sacramento valley, California, and they will probably receive within a few days a detailed account of the settlement made with the reorganization committee.

The American Water Works and Guarantee Company controlled and operated properties in 27 states, including practically all forms of public utilities.

The board of directors consists of E. C. Converse, formerly of McKeesport, and former president of the Bankers Trust Company, New York; president of the Astor Trust Company, New York, and a director of the United States Steel Corporation and the International Nickel Company; A. H. Wiggin, president of the Chase National Bank, New York; Samuel Insull, president of the General Electric Company, Chicago, Ill.; George Tripp, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company; James D. Mortimer, president of the North American Company; William Nelson Cromwell of Sullivan & Cromwell, New York; H. Hobart Porter; J. E. Flory, president of the Colorado Steel Company, chairman of directors of the First-Second National Bank, and a director of the Union Trust Company and the Mellon National Bank; W. B. Schiller, president of the National Tube Company, Pittsburgh; Charles R. Scott, representing the English stockholders; Theodore Reddick, representing the French stockholders; C. H. Huffer, Jr., representing the Swiss stockholders; Andrew V. Stout of Dominick & Dominick, New York; H. J. Delaney Meier of Bollesvan Bros., Amsterdam, representing the Dutch stockholders; C. H. Pavson of H. M. Pavson & Co., bankers, Portland, Ore.; Frank Bell, Pittsburg; and Messing & Platt, Chicago; Henry H. Pierce of Sullivan & Cromwell, New York, and Robert Wetherill of Robert Wetherill & Co., manufacturers of machinery, Chester.

STILL GOING DOWN.

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MONONGAHELA CONNECTING LINE IS A REAL RAILROAD

Many Industries Greeted Because Commission Cuts It a Switching Concern.

The Interstate Commerce Commission to the contrary, the Monongahela Connecting railroad is a common carrier in fact and in the fullest sense of the term, and not merely a terminal, or plant lined as the commission claims, "successively" through its inception 50 years ago. Its subsequent construction as an independent line chiefly as an adjunct of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, not then, as now, a "little giant," and its successful operation during a period covering more than a quarter of a century, abundantly proves the present claim. It was built and built in good faith, built as a common carrier, and to perform railroad service under an agreement with a line carrier which provided for certain allowances for services rendered; built years before the Jones & Laughlin interests secured control of the railroads, and afforded railroads to the general public, its traffic for interests other than its present owners being very heavy, last year, for instance, amounting to 700,000 tons approximately. It has 35 miles of track and seven steam sidings, exceeding 50 years old, built by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. It has 34 locomotives, its own roundhouse and hundreds of freight cars. Its own shops and, in fact, everything that pertains to a railroad. Moreover, its trains are operated on a regular schedule. Its own men and the Jones & Laughlin company, of course, is its most extensive patron, no favors are shown it, but it is treated like any other shipper. Furthermore, with its network of tracks at Glenwood, it does virtually all of the local freight business for the mercantile merchants of the Hazelwood district.

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RUNAWAY AT FLORENCE MINE HARLS HURLS SIX MEN OVER EMBANKMENT.

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MINE WAS NOT WORKING BUT LABORING GANG WAS ENGAGED TAKING IRON FROM THE WORKING WHEN CAR JUMPS TRACK AT END OF LAUREL RUN BRIDGE.

ONE UNARMED ITALIAN WAS KILLED AND FIVE OTHER MEN WERE INJURED, TWO OF WHOM WILL LIKELY DIE, ON MONDAY WHEN A PIT CAR LEFT THE TRACKS AT THE END OF THE LAUREL RUN BRIDGE IN THE FLORENCE MINES OF THE YOUNGHAMPSHIRE COAL COMPANY.

THE INJURED ARE: VIAGLIANO GILBERTO, 57, AN ITALIAN, WHO IS MARRIED, CONTINUES OF THE CASE, A LARGE INCORPORATION OF THE FACE AND JUNCTURE OF THE RIGHT ARM.

JOHN SHANDER, 39, YEARS OLD AND MARRIED; BAD FRACTURE OF THE RIGHT ARM AND INJURED LEG, SUFFERING GREATLY FROM THE PAIN, IS LIKELY TO DIE.

SUSAN SULLIVAN, 30, YEARS OLD, AND SINGLE; SEVERE LACERATIONS OF THE FACE, WHICH THE SHOCK WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN DEATH.

MIKE BALKO, 23, YEARS OLD; FRACTURE OF THE LEFT FOOT, SEVERE LACERATIONS OF THE RIGHT FOOT AND A SMALL CUT ON THE FOREHEAD. WELING, 43, YEARS OLD AND MARRIED, HAS SEVERAL FRACTURED RIBS, SCALP WOUNDS AND INJURIES TO THE LEFT ARM.

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